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Testimony of the Connecticut AFL-CIO before the Labor and Public Employees Committee

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Senator Winfield, Representative Tercyak and members of the Labor and Public Employees Committee,

I am Lori Pelletier and I serve as the Executive Secretary- Treasurer of the Connecticut AFL-CIO. I am here to testify on behalf of the 900 affiliated local unions who represent 200,000 working men and women from every city and town in our great state as follows:

Proposed H.B. No. 5856 AN ACT PERMITTING EMPLOYERS TO PURCHASE INDEMNITY INSURANCE POLICIES TO SATISFY COLLATERAL OBLIGATIONS. (LAB)

This proposed legislation gives us pause in that will the injured worker be protected to the fullest extent? Bad employers are always looking for the cheaper way out when it comes to protecting workers, from misclassification to unpaid premiums, to automatic denials and delays of claims. Government's responsibility is to protect workers who have been injured from being further injured by a bad player.

We appreciate the committee holding this public hearing.

Respectfully,

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